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TAGS: ETRD, EC, BE

SUBJECT: US-EC 24:6 NEGOTIATIONS

REF: (A) STATE 62093; (B) BRUSSELS 1902

1. IN MEETING MARCH 28 WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY CHEF DE  
CABINET NOTERDAEME, DCM GAVE HIM COPY OF SECSHULTZ LETTER  
TO ECON MINISTER CLAES AND STRESSED IMPORTANCE US PLACES ON  
RESOLUTION US-EC 24:6 NEGOTIATIONS THIS COMING WEEK.  
NOTERDAEME SAID HE WOULD PASS LETTER TO FOREIGN MINISTER  
WITHOUT DELAY AND WOULD INFORM OTHERS IN THE MINISTRY WHO ARE  
CONCERNED THIS SUBJECT.

2. ON MARCH 29 DCM GAVE COPY OF EBERLE-AOAMES LETTER AND  
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ATTACHEMENTS TO FONMIN DIRECTOR GENERAL OF ECONOMIC RELATIONS

DE DOBBELEER, REVIEWED CONTENTS OF SCHULTZ LETTER AND REINTERATED U.S. POSITION IN FAVOR OF PROMPT RESOLUTION ON BASIS REDUCED U.S. PROPOSAL. DE DOBBELEER REPEATED STANDARD BELGIAN POSITION THAT GOB IS PREPARED CONSIDER ANY NEW STATISTICAL ARGUMENTS, BUT NONE PRESENTED BY U.S. SINCE DECEMBER. HE ADDED THAT U.S. DOMESTIC POLITICAL PROBLEMS (SUCH AS THE CITRUS AND TOBACCO INTERESTS OF SENATORS TALMADGE AND FANIN) WERE NOT PERSUASIVE SINCE EUROPEAN COUNTRIES HAD EQUALLY IMPORTANT DOMESTIC POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS TO WEIGH. WE EXPRESSED BELIEF THAT POSITION OF BELGIAN/AMERICAN DUMPER TRUCK PRODUCER (WABCO) NO LONGER PRESENTED AN OBSTACLE TO CONCESSION ON THIS ITEM, AND CITED THIS, AS NEW DEVELOPMENT IN FAVOR BELGIAN SUPPORT FOR REDUCED U.S. LIST. WE ALSO REITERATED GENERAL ARGUMENTS AGAINST MOVING TO STATISTICAL CONFRONTATION.

3. DE DOBBELEER SAID GOB WOULD HAVE "CONSTRUCTIVE" ATTITUDE AT NEXT WEEK'S MEETINGS TOWARD US CONCERNS AND WOULD DO WHAT IT COULD TO ELIMINATE THIS ISSUE AS IRRITANT IN U.S.-EUROPEAN RELATIONS, WITHIN FRAMEWORK OF ITS "ORTHODOX" ROLE IN EC.

4. CONCERNING DUMPERS, DE DOBBELEER LATER REPORTED THAT WABCO OF BELGIUM REFUSES TO AGREE TO GOB DROPPING DUTY DEMANDS. (REQUEST DEPARTMENT'S GUIDANCE ON THIS ISSUE).

4. EMBASSY'S ECONOMIC SECTION CHIEF TRANSMITTED BOTH SHULTZ AND EBERLE LETTERS TO COUNSELOR BARBASON IN MINISTER OF ECONOMIC'S CABINET ON MARCH 29. BARABASON LATER INFORMED US THAT RESPONSIBLE OFFICE HAD STUDIED DOCUMENTS AND THAT HIS MINISTRY WOULD BE FLEXIBLE AND COULD GO ALONG WITH A COMPROMISE AT THE LUXEMBOURG MEETING.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: REQUEST GUIDANCE AS MENTIONED PARA. FOUR. STRAUSSZ-HUPE

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